

Kate and Tom hike the Lake District of England

(plus London, Stonehenge,
York and Whitby)

September, 2025

Kensington Palace, London



Monument to Prince Albert,
Kensington Gardens





Roman Baths at Bath



Head of
Sulis Minerva













Fortifying in
Ambleside
the night
before our
big hike starts

Day 1: Ambleside to Coniston

Looking back toward Lake Windermere



Grasmere
(lake and town)



















Gates, gates
and more gates















Approaching Coniston and Coniston Water





For the boys.....







Day 2: Coniston to Boot
(in the rain)

































Our inn at
Boot



Day 3: Boot to Buttermere



With Alison and
Gary from
Melbourne



















Approaching Wasdale





Stone fences, stone fences and more stone fences





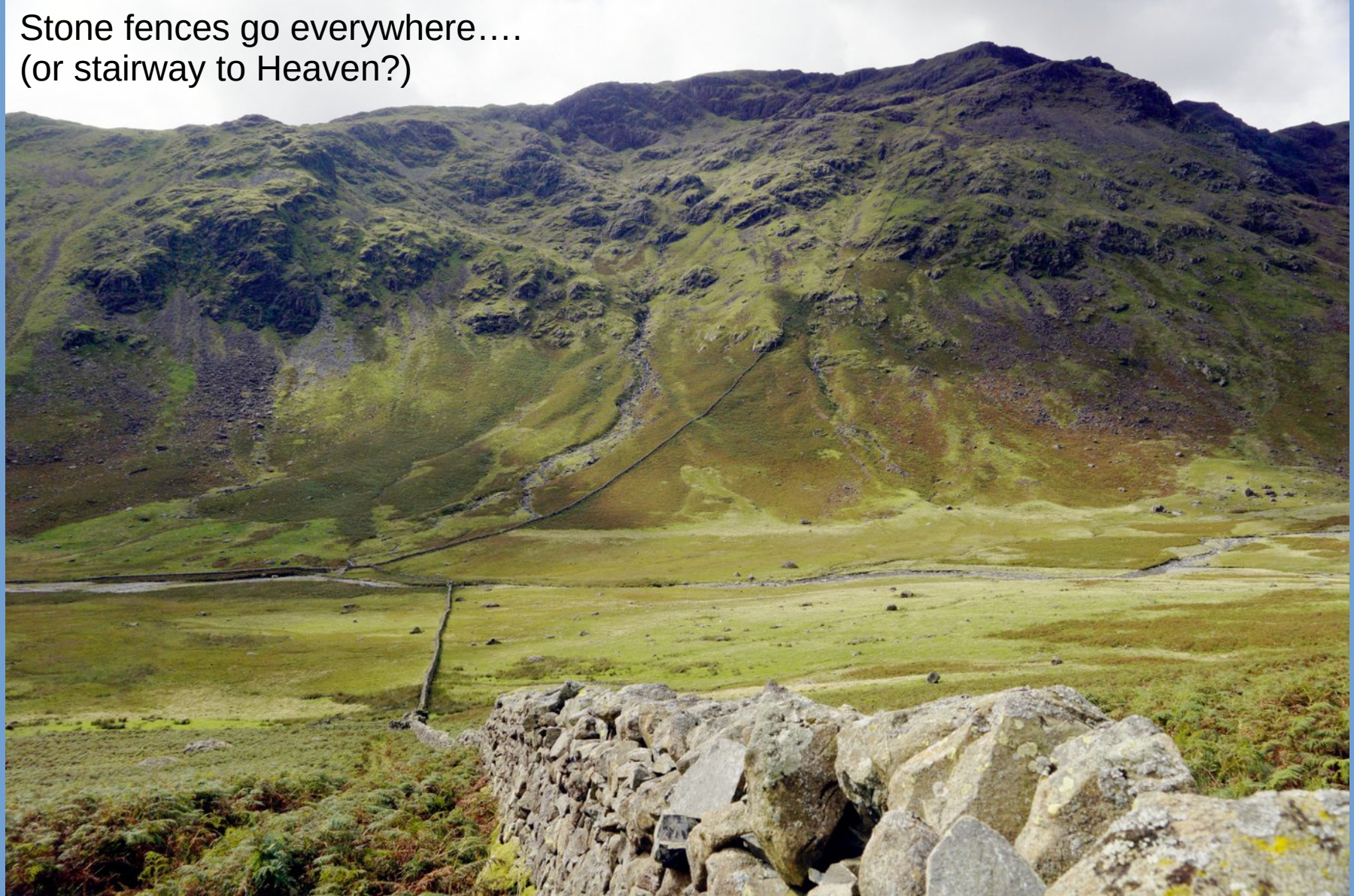
Lunch stop in yet another pub



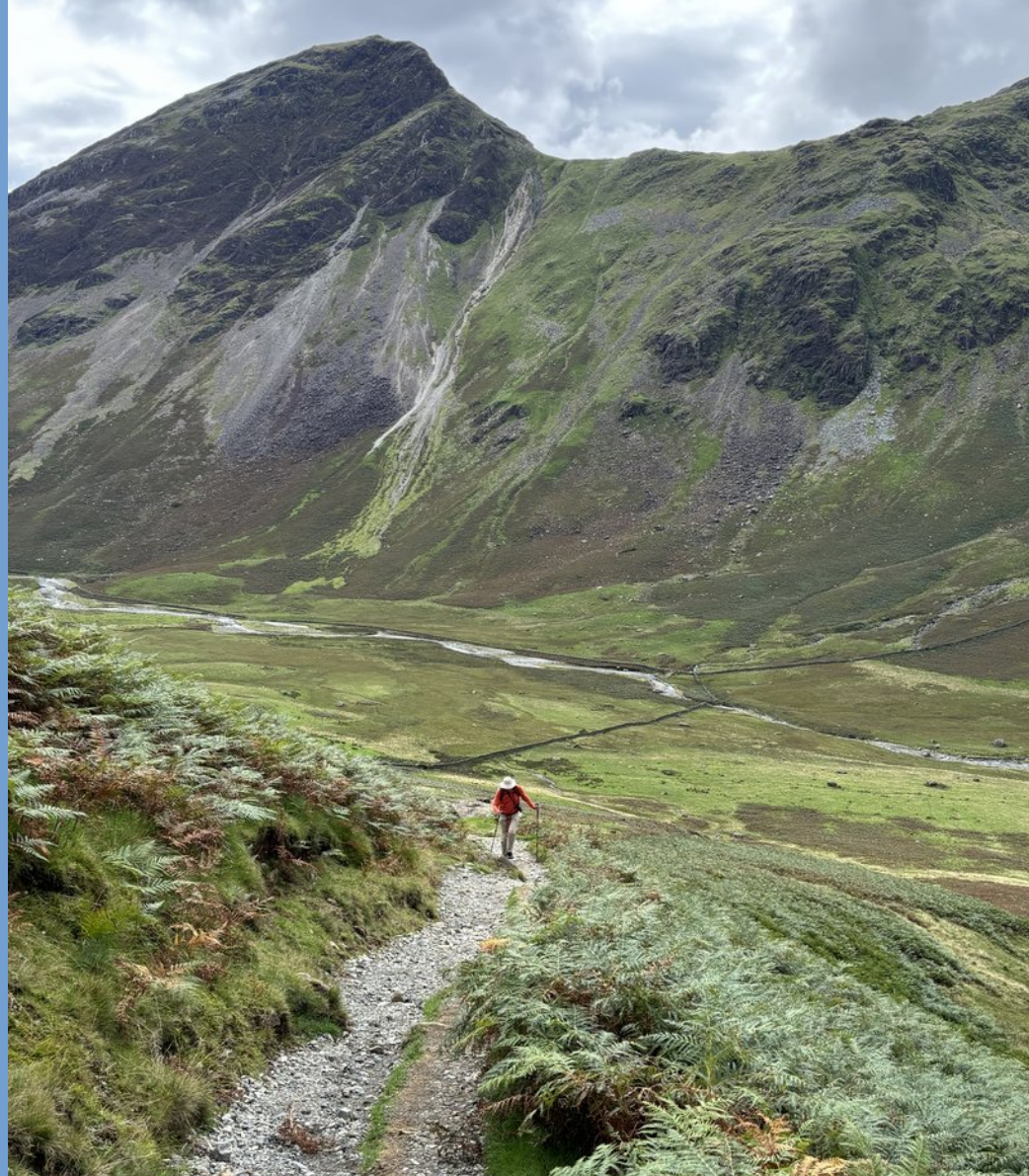




Stone fences go everywhere....
(or stairway to Heaven?)









Approaching Buttermere





Lake Buttermere







Alison greeting us at the end of a long day.....

Day 4: Rest day in Buttermere





Hiking along Crummock Water









Day 6: Keswick to Glenridding

Castlerigg Stone Circle near Keswick











Castlerigg Cow circle...?







Looking back toward Thirlmere



Top of windy, rainy Sicks Pass with Vera and Bill





Approaching Glenridding





Arriving at our inn
in Glenridding

Day 7: Grasmere to Ambleside

Wordsworth's house





York





— NO. 28 —
**SHAMBLES
KITCHEN**

**THE SHOP
THAT MUST
NOT BE
NAMED**

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Wards
Robes
Broops
Cauldrons
Quills
THE NUTCRACKER
CHRISTMAS SHOP

authentic
Korean Restaurant

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NAMED**

Hebden
EXPERIENCE

FLORENCE PIROT
Café

**THE SOCIETY
OF
ALCHEMISTS**
YORK

**THE
EDINBURGH WOOLLEN
MILL**



THE POTIONS CAULDRON





The wand shop in
The Shambles

(Dogan Alley in
Harry Potter is
based on
the Shambles)





WAND SELECTION AT OLLIVANDER'S

When Harry Potter enters Ollivander's shop for the first time, he is struck by the vast number of wands on display. Ollivander, a wizard who has been in the business for over a century, explains that each wand has a personality of its own. He tells Harry that the wand chooses the wizard, not the other way around. This is a crucial concept for any aspiring wizard, as it means that the wand you choose must be the right one for you. Ollivander's shop is a treasure trove of magical knowledge, and his expertise is invaluable to any wizard looking for a new wand.

Ollivanders

SINCE 1821

MAKERS OF FINE WANDS

Viktor Krum



TRIWIZARD

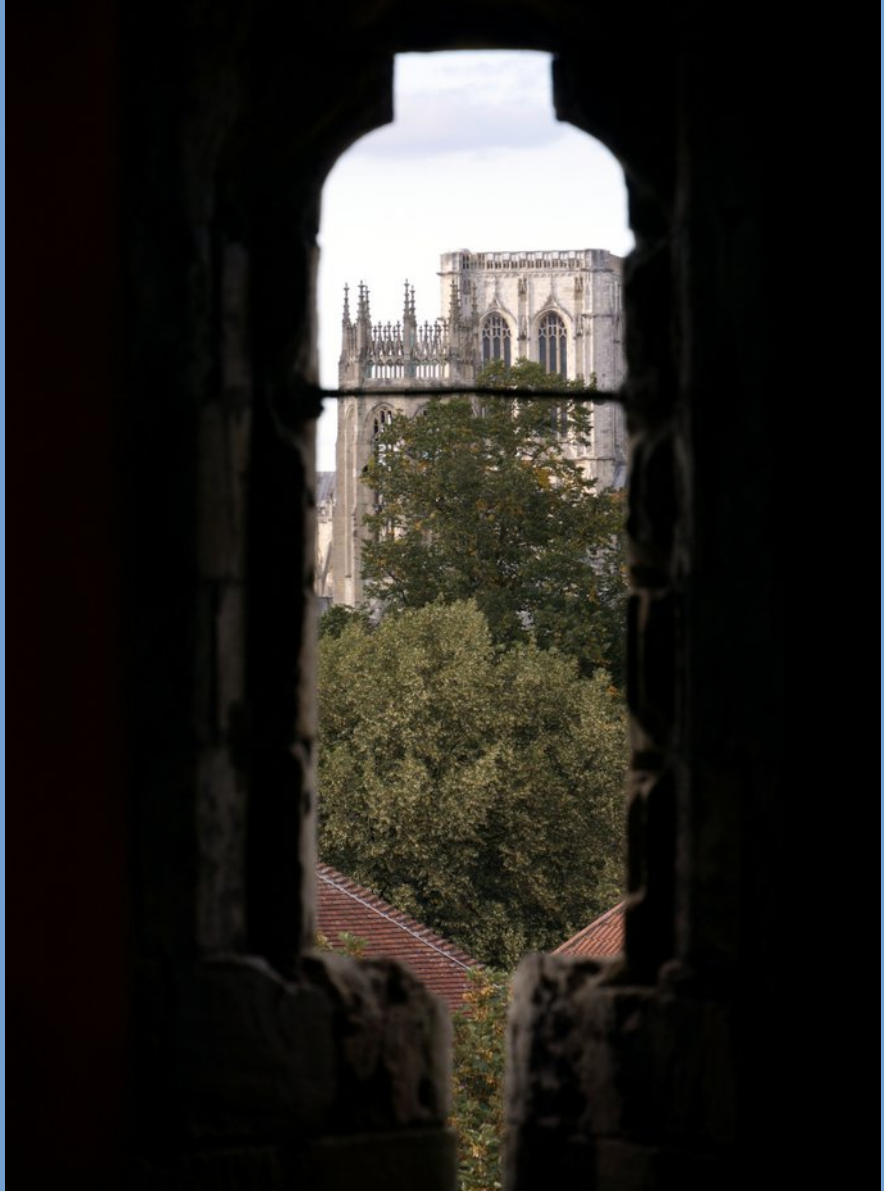
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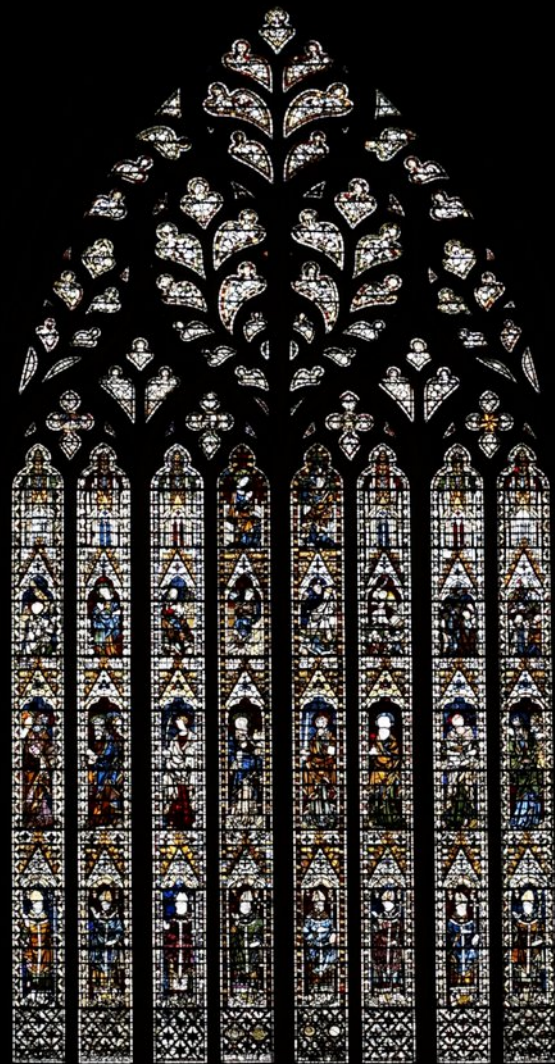












The Kings

















Henr: Quint: reg: 9

Henr: Sext: reg: 39

Bolton Castle





Mary, Queen
of Scots'
bedroom









Amazing...









Captain Cook Museum, Whitby

Whitby Abbey









Brexit.....
in 1790?







Back to London
for a night at
the opera...

And a play the
next night



Last night in London: Moonrise over Trafalgar Square from our hotel's rooftop bar



